

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, May 28, 2014, I was unable to be present for recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 241 (on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 599); and "yes" on rollcall vote No. 242 (on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 503, as amended).

HONORING MR. BOB LOTT

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of Mr. Bob Lott. For over twenty years Bob Lott has documented and produced numerous videos that have been used to teach and inform African American people about their ancestral lineage to help combat the disproportionate ills they have suffered compared to other races.

Mr. Bob Lott and then partner Walt Gavin pioneered a nationally syndicated black music show on commercial television with The Gavin & Lott Show. He then followed that effort with the breakthrough production of City Sounds. Over the years, Mr. Lott has worked with many legendary recording artists at Kenny Gamble and Leon Huff's Philadelphia International Records, including Teddy Pendergrass, McFadden & Whitehead, Patti LaBelle, Bunny Sigler, and The O'Jays.

Moreover, Mr. Lott produced numerous documentaries shedding much needed light on important historical figures, including my friends Kenny Gamble and the great Representative David Richardson. Over the years, he has produced music videos, eleven nationally aired infomercials, television commercials, and promotional videos for countless corporations and non-profits. Mr. Lott will be honored by the Marian Anderson Historical Society on May 31, 2014 for his dedication to aiding African American people through film.

It is a privilege to recognize a person whose leadership and commitment have inspired and supported so many in our region. I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Mr. Bob Lott for his lifetime of service and dedication to Pennsylvania's First Congressional District.

IN RECOGNITION OF FERNANDO GARCIA

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished life of Mr. Fernando Garcia.

Mr. Garcia, who served as Bristol Community College's Chair of the Board of Trustees, passed away after a long and valiant battle that lasted several years. During his life, he was a tireless advocate for students as well as educational opportunities for all, and his devotion and dedication to Bristol Community College was unsurpassed. When he was appointed the Chair of the Board of Trustees at Bristol Community College in 2012, Gov. Deval Patrick called Mr. Garcia a "critical partner" in the Commonwealth's "collective efforts to better serve our students and employers." An exceptional role model for students and a valuable asset to his colleagues at the Bristol Community College, Mr. Garcia will be sorely missed.

A graduate of the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, Mr. Garcia was also a local business leader in the South Coast region for over 30 years. In 2001, Mr. Garcia was named Fall River's Business Person of the Year, and only a year later he was inducted into the New Bedford Area Business Hall of Fame. Mr. Garcia has also served on the Board of Directors for the Fall River Chamber of Commerce for several years and held a post as the Vice Chair for the Fall River Office of Economic Development. As a friend and leader in the South Coast community, Mr. Garcia understood Bristol Community College's role in the local economy and in the livelihoods of its students and faculty.

We celebrate Fernando Garcia's life and his proactive role in the business community of Fall River. Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking Mr. Fernando Garcia for over three decades of outstanding service to the community and economy in southeastern Massachusetts. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Mr. Garcia for his countless contributions.

RECOGNIZING VOLUNTEERS WITH THE MOUNTAIN EMPIRE OLDER CITIZENS FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in order to recognize volunteers with the Mountain Empire Older Citizens Foster Grandparent Program, which pairs people aged 60 and older with students for tutoring

and mentorship purposes. The impact that simply spending time with children has on their development cannot be overstated. As a father myself, I see that impact first-hand.

It is my honor to submit into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of the 2013-2014 Foster Grandparent Program volunteers:

Irene Bailey, Lucille Baker, Minnie Baker, Betty Barker, Moe Dennison, Shirley Gardner, Ruth Gibson, Bess Gillenwater, Ruth Hogue, Carolyn Johnson, Patsy King, Sheila Miller, Edith Moore, Sharon Mullins, Bonnie Olinger, Sarah Parsons, Mary Rogers, Ruth Shawver, Marie Smith, Thelma Smith, Betty Stewart, Aleatha Strong, and Thelma Welch.

Mr. Speaker, I want to send my deepest thanks to folks working with and volunteering for the Mountain Empire Older Citizens Foster Grandparent Program, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing these volunteers for their efforts on behalf of Southwest Virginia's young people.

HONORING ELIZABETH GILBERTSON FOR HER OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND COMMITMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the many family, friends, and colleagues who have gathered today as the new UNITE HERE HEALTH healthcare center in Atlantic City, New Jersey celebrates its grand opening and is named in honor of an outstanding health care advocate and my dear friend, Elizabeth Gilbertson. Betsy has dedicated her professional life and much of her personal time to ensuring that everyone has access to affordable, quality health care. The dedication of this new health center in her honor is a testament to the extraordinary commitment she has shown to this effort as well as the distinguished reputation she has earned as an advocate healthcare provider.

From the earliest days of her career Betsy combined her passion for advocacy with that of her belief that quality, affordable healthcare was a right, not a privilege. As a member of the Connecticut Nurses Association and District 1199, New England SEIU, Betsy represented her fellow nurses in collective bargaining. She also led a non-profit women's health center before joining UNITE HERE HEALTH, a Taft-Hartley labor management trust fund that aims to provide health benefits that offer high quality, affordable health care to their participants, where she held a number of leadership roles prior to her current position as Chief of Strategy.

Betsy's dedication to quality, affordable healthcare extends far beyond her professional career. She has served on National Quality Forum Task Forces on patient safety and ambulatory care measures; was founder

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